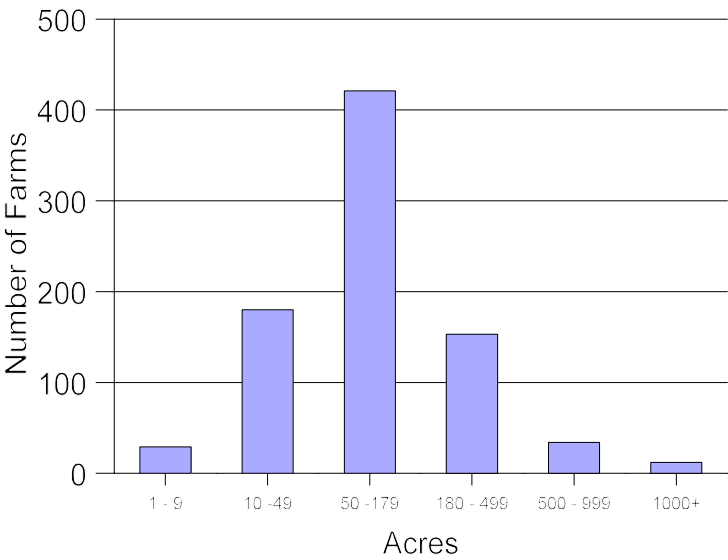
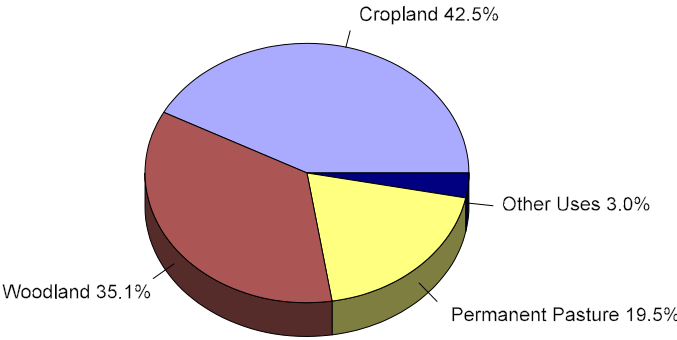


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



| Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Farming | 504 |
| Other | 325 |
| Principal operators by sex: | |
| Male | 758 |
| Female | 71 |
| Average age of principal operator (years) | 57.8 |
| All operators ⁵ by race: | |
| White | 1,109 |
| Black or African American | 28 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 4 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| Asian | - |
| More than one race | 11 |
| All operators ⁵ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 8 |

Footnotes: 1/ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with items. 2/ Beginning with 1997, data includes an adjustment for undercoverage. 3/Due to changes in definition and wording of questions, figures for “cropland pasture” and “other pasture” are not always comparable from the Census. Acreage beginning with 1964 refer to pastureland and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pastured, on farms with sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. 4/ Beginning with 1974, agricultural operations under individual management with annual sales of \$1,000 or more. 5/ Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm. NA Not Available. (D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than ½ of the unit shown. See “Census of Agriculture, Vol. 1, Geographic Series” for complete footnotes.



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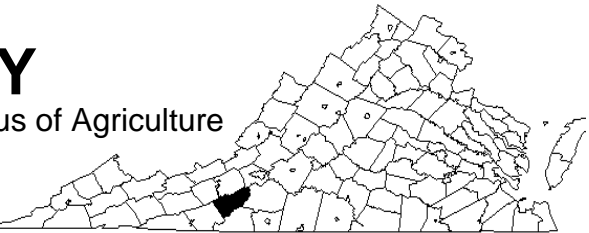
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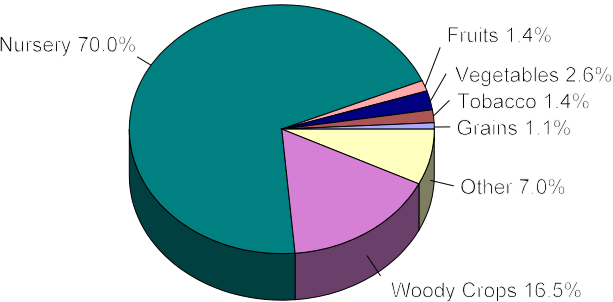
Floyd County lies in the southern part of the Blue Ridge Plateau. Formed in 1831 from part of Montgomery, the county was named in honor of John Floyd, who was Governor of Virginia from 1830-1834.

The rolling topography of the county includes several steep hills and peaks as well as 143,873 acres of forest. Soils vary from sandy to clay, and are well suited for grassland farming. Altitudes range from 2,000 to 3,300 feet, while temperatures average 34 degrees in January and 71 in July. Annual precipitation in Floyd averages 43 inches.

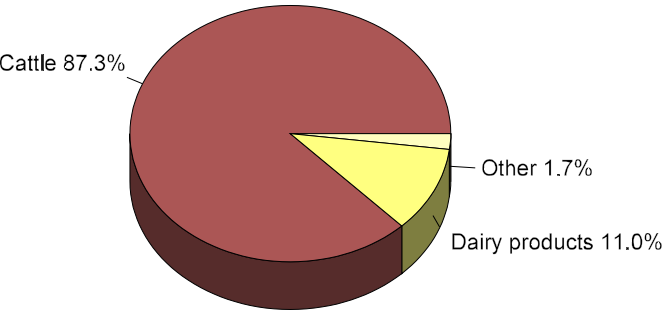
| Highlights | 2002 | 1997 |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of Farms | 829 | 872 |
| Land in Farms (acres) | 135,311 | 130,500 |
| Average size of farm | 163 | 150 |
| Market Value of Production | | |
| County Total | \$32,801,000 | \$30,732,000 |
| Average per farm | \$39,567 | \$35,244 |
| Government Payments | \$481,000 | \$104,000 |

CASH RECEIPTS

Crops



Livestock & Poultry



Ranked Items among the 98 state counties and 3,078 US Counties, 2002

| Commodity | Quantity | State Rank | Universe 1/ | US Rank | Universe 1/ |
|---|----------|------------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 114 | 67 | 95 | 2,352 | 2,871 |
| Tobacco | 145 | 30 | 43 | 390 | 560 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | 15 | - | 656 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | 272 | 29 | 95 | 1,227 | 2,747 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | 149 | 39 | 93 | 1,056 | 2,638 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | 7,278 | 9 | 95 | 347 | 2,708 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | 1,711 | 2 | 76 | 35 | 1,774 |
| Other crops and hay | 732 | 34 | 97 | 1,560 | 3,046 |
| Poultry and eggs | 54 | 39 | 94 | 1,445 | 2,918 |
| Cattle and calves | 19,534 | 4 | 97 | 534 | 3,053 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | 2,472 | 29 | 83 | 930 | 2,493 |
| Hogs and pigs | 12 | 49 | 90 | 2,236 | 2,919 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | 42 | 30 | 93 | 1,396 | 2,997 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 275 | 25 | 94 | 810 | 3,014 |
| Aquaculture | (D) | (D) | 44 | (D) | 1,520 |
| Other animals and other animal products | (D) | (D) | 87 | (D) | 2,727 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves | 34,401 | 15 | 97 | 931 | 3,059 |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older | 1,257 | 29 | 96 | 1,226 | 2,983 |
| Horses and ponies | 805 | 33 | 97 | 1,560 | 3,065 |
| Sheep and lambs | 714 | 26 | 93 | 1,200 | 2,867 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | (D) | 32 | 79 | (D) | 2,599 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 24,418 | 20 | 97 | 919 | 3,059 |
| Nursery stock | 1,915 | 1 | 77 | 42 | 2,129 |
| Cut Christmas trees | 1,599 | 2 | 81 | 45 | 1,877 |
| Corn for silage | 1,336 | 28 | 87 | 958 | 2,307 |
| Corn for grain | 506 | 68 | 96 | 1,974 | 2,592 |

FARM DATA & LAND USE

| YEAR | Number of Farms | Land in Farms | Avg. Value Per Acre For Land & Buildings | LAND USE | | | | | |
|---------|-----------------|---------------|--|-----------|-------|---------|------------------|----------|--------------|
| | | | | Cropland | | | Other Pasture 3/ | Woodland | |
| | | | | Harvested | Other | Pasture | | Pasture | Not Pastured |
| | Number | Acres | Dollars | -Acres- | | | | | |
| 1940 | 2,281 | 208,327 | 30 | 42,122 | 3,797 | 87,851 | NA | NA | NA |
| 1945 | 2,024 | 195,968 | 41 | 39,163 | 1,386 | 5,751 | 100,603 | NA | 44,121 |
| 1950 | 2,322 | 212,374 | 60 | 34,991 | 6,101 | 42,994 | 60,226 | NA | 57,746 |
| 1954 | 2,160 | 202,367 | 68 | 31,029 | 5,337 | 20,596 | 76,132 | NA | 60,079 |
| 1959 | 1,700 | 173,550 | 92 | 26,590 | 6,093 | 18,201 | 63,548 | NA | 52,057 |
| 1964 | 1,479 | 165,495 | 95 | 26,008 | 2,659 | 14,177 | 26,766 | 7,935 | 12,135 |
| 1969 | 1,108 | 135,072 | 167 | 20,048 | 4,265 | 36,759 | 13,749 | 10,580 | 15,102 |
| 1974 4/ | 971 | 132,626 | 362 | 22,375 | 2,762 | 34,817 | 15,601 | 10,218 | 17,095 |
| 1978 | 841 | 132,450 | 574 | 23,292 | 2,855 | 32,960 | 23,679 | 18,172 | 26,570 |
| 1982 | 920 | 131,727 | 759 | 25,201 | 1,970 | 34,301 | 20,242 | 15,614 | 28,388 |
| 1987 | 772 | 118,115 | 837 | 23,328 | 2,190 | 28,785 | 18,930 | 14,164 | 26,016 |
| 1992 | 761 | 116,509 | 1,068 | 25,619 | 2,034 | 30,467 | 18,013 | 12,350 | 24,267 |
| 1997 2/ | 872 | 130,500 | 1,611 | 29,265 | 2,388 | 32,648 | 21,519 | 11,285 | 27,546 |
| 2002 | 829 | 135,311 | 2,113 | 30,688 | 2,644 | 24,168 | 26,323 | 13,498 | 33,942 |

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